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مدرس دوره: استاد مرتضی گیتی

به منظور مشاهده ی دیگر دوره های تنظیم شده توسط استاد مرتضی گیتی به صفحه ی اول وبسایت

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Lack or Lack of?

Today I want to teach you how to use the word “**lack**” correctly. I’ve noticed some of my students making a little mistake with this word, so this lesson will help you learn which one to use – “**lack**” or “**lack of**.” It’s a very small detail, but it’s important to learn so that your English grammar is correct.

LACK (verb)

First let’s look at the definition of the word “**lack**” – it refers to absence, or “being without” or “having less than what is needed.” So if you say “**This food lacks salt,**” it means there is no salt or not enough salt in the food.

Some students make the mistake of saying “**This food lacks of salt**” – **that’s incorrect.**

When lack is used as a VERB, we do not use “of.” We just say “lack” followed by the thing that is missing or that there isn’t enough of. Here are some more examples:

- The project **lacked** funding, so it was canceled.
- He **lacks** motivation to study.
- I just started working, so I’m **lacking** experience.

In those sentences, **lack** functions as a verb.

LACK (noun)

Lack can ALSO be used as a noun! And when lack is used as a noun, then we do say “**lack of**” + the thing that is missing or insufficient. Look at these examples of **lack** being used as a noun:

- The project was canceled due to a **lack of** funding.
- His **lack of** motivation to study results in bad grades.
- I was disqualified from the job based on my **lack of** experience.

LACK vs. LACK OF

When using **lack** as a verb, it's followed directly by an object.

When using lack as a noun, we say **lack of** + the object.

- This food **lacks** salt.
- The **lack of** salt makes this food inedible.

It's understandable that these little details of English grammar can be confusing!